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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 05146291
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/050919		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/560845
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 26, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 17, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION FASTENING DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Marc Gerhardt, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
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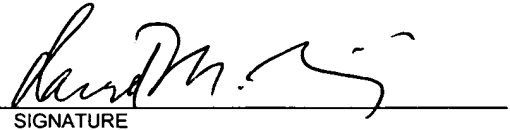
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Transmitted herewith for the above-captioned patent application are:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
2. A copy of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/050919 with an English language translation;
3. Preliminary Amendment (with Marked-Up Specification and Abstract Showing Amendments therein);
4. Substitute Specification (with Abstract) for examination purposes;
5. Drawings – 2 pages of Figures 1-3;

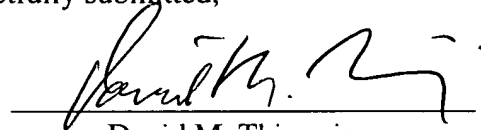
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7. Recordation Form Cover Sheet Form PTO-1595 with copy of original Assignment;
8. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) with International Search Report and Written Opinion of the International Search Authority (English language translation thereof); Form PTO/SB/08A Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant and copies of references listed therein;
9. Check in the amount of \$940; and
10. Return postcard acknowledging receipt of same.

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